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STORM STILL RAGES.

VIRGINIA PORTS IN THE GRASP OF THE GALE.

FATALITIES AT NEWPORT NEWS.

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An Unknown Yacht Sends to Sea—The Worst to Come, Perhaps—Thrilling Experiences—A Gallant Rescue—Tow Wrecked.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., October 25.—(Special.) It is reasonably certain that at least six lives were lost in this immediate vicinity during the disastrous storm of Saturday and yesterday. A confirmed report reached here to-night to the effect that a small craft containing two men was seen to founder Sunday night in the James river several miles above this city. It was impossible for the eye-witnesses on the shore to render the two men assistance, and as the unfortunate were seen to go down with the boat, they must have been drowned. Word was received here this afternoon that the bodies of two well-dressed white men had washed ashore near Salter's creek, several miles below the city. The bodies were not decomposed, and were evidently those of men who lost their lives during the storm. These four losses of life, together with the two reported yesterday, complete the list of fatalities up to a late hour. The Chesapeake and Ohio steamer Chickahominy, from Liverpool to this port, was due this morning at daybreak, but she had not been sighted to-night. The Chickahominy carries passengers and a valuable cargo. It is feared she may have difficulty in clearing the capes.

About midnight last night cries of women were heard along the river front. A trimly-rigged yacht was seen scudding rapidly out to sea, apparently beyond control, and it is believed that women were on board. Nothing was heard from the vessel to-day.

BULWARKS BEING DESTROYED.
The bulwarks along the water front of the city are rapidly being destroyed by the heavy sea, which shows no sign of abatement. The water is one half foot higher to-night than yesterday, now being five feet above average high tide.

This breakwater at the harbor mouth at Backhouse Beach has been entirely swept away, and the outbuildings near the shore are reported to be destroyed. It is now falling in torrents here, as everywhere else in the storm centre. Warning lights and rockets are being sent up at intervals. The water to-night, had not yet reached the zero or point of normal height, though, of course, it was rising steadily.

THE WORST TO COME.
Word came to Old Point this evening that the most severe portion of the storm was expected to-night. The flood-tide occurred at 9 o'clock, and with the wind blowing from the northeast, as it has done all day, it is expected that the water will sweep all bounds. Buildings in the lower part of Phoebus are flooded, and in several of them the occupants were forced to retreat to the second floors. Poor people have suffered severely from a lack of fuel, and in some cases children went hungry, this morning.

USE OF ALCOHOL IN THE ARTS.
Congressional Committee on the Subject Meets To-day.
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PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.
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THRILLING EXPERIENCES.
All arriving vessels report thrilling experiences with the storm. The schooner Helen H. Benedict, Captain Brockett, bound from Boston to Baltimore, was lighted into this port by the storm of Sunday night, and was in sight of land. The storm struck her while she was just off Cape Henry, and she was compelled to anchor to prevent being driven ashore. She rode out of the seas in safety, however, but this morning when she attempted to raise her anchor, the windlass broke, and thirty fathoms of chain and the anchor were abandoned.

The tug Walter A. Luckenbach, Captain Willen, which left Key West about ten days ago for New York, after the disabled Norwegian sailing-ship Mathilda in tow, has arrived, bringing the details of the wreck of her tow. About fifty miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, in the storm of Sunday night, the Mathilda was wrecked. Her stern broke away and her rudder was lost. The planks in her sides and decks began to bulge, and she was rapidly breaking to pieces. Without rudder and in her confusion it was impossible for the Luckenbach to hold her on the course, and the only thing to do was to abandon her.

SAVED BY ROPES.
The crew of the ill-fated vessel were saved by means of ropes. These were shot over the ship, and one by one, the men tied to their bodies and jumped overboard, being hauled through the heavy seas to the tug. The whole crew of seven were saved in this way, and were brought to Norfolk. It is thought that the Mathilda will be a total loss. She was recently purchased by Mr. L. Luckenbach, New York, after she had been partially wrecked on Tortugas Island. She was loaded with lumber.

AN UNKNOWN SHIP DRIFTING.
NORFOLK, VA., October 25.—(Special.) To-night the observer at Hatteras telegraphed that an unknown ship, dismasted, her main and mizzen masts gone, was drifting five miles east of Kitty Hawk life-saving station. Her hull was apparently in good condition, and with quick work by tug she could be saved. It is supposed to be the Mathilda.

THE STORM REMAINS STATIONARY.
Continued Ruins and Considerable Wind, But Very Little Damage.
An increase of air pressure in the west of the storm has checked its progress, and it has not passed away as was expected. The rainfall averages to register an average of 4.19

inches a day, and the James is rising slowly. It is rather remarkable that the river, usually so sensitive to heavy rainfalls, still registers two feet below zero at Columbia, and is almost stationary. This is attributed to the fact that the storm was dry when it struck the storm that the rain is absorbed, and that the storm area does not reach very far into the interior, so the drainage is not heavy.

BUT LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.
Taking into consideration the violence of the storm, the small amount of damage done has been altogether remarkable. Even the telegraph companies, usually the first to suffer, have only reported a few crossed wires, while up to last night no poles or wires are down. The Western Union lost the use of four wires to Washington, two to Norfolk, and three to New York, through crossing, but their facilities are such, and they are so equipped to meet any emergency, that although their business has been very large during the past two days, it has not been hindered in the least by the storm. The wires of the Postal Telegraph, for though they have had the same difficulty with crossed wires, there has been no delay in the dispatching or receiving of messages. At Wilmington, N. C., where the wires of the Western Union are much exposed, everything was reported in good condition, with prospects brightening.

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Mr. E. A. Evans, director of the United States Weather Bureau here, said yesterday afternoon: "The storm is stationary. The conditions of pressure and temperature are in a very unsettled state all over the country, except in the far Northwest and over the Lake region and New England States. Areas of fair weather are located over the Mississippi Valley, the Lake region, the Ohio Valley, and the Southern States, and stormy areas are central on the western Rocky Mountain slope and the Gulf coast, and in the North Carolina region. The prevailing inclement weather has remained nearly stationary since yesterday morning, decreasing some in energy. Its northerly movement has been apparently by the increase in the air pressure of the New England States, which has made a barrier to its progress in that direction. The weather continues rainy with high winds in the New States, from North Carolina to the New York, but west of the Alleghenies and over the Southern States, east of the Mississippi river, it is clear. The temperature has fallen along the western slope of the Alleghenies, and light frost was reported from Alabama this morning."

RAIN THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
Over the main districts of the State the storm prevails with about the same force as in Richmond. It was learned that the Chesapeake and Ohio river had been reported to have been broken by a moderate rain, but that no reported rain had caused no damage done to rail or wire. The river at Columbia had not yet reached the zero or point of normal height, though, of course, it was rising steadily.

Damage Done by the Storm in Richmond.
Damage done by the storm in Richmond and Manchester has been slight. A few trees on the streets have been blown down and sink in the sidewalks have been reported. But the damage done by the storm is placed at a low estimate. The telephone companies report no damage and only a slight inconvenience from "crossed" wires.

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